

4 February 1985

Dr. Charles Sampson  
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Room 3100, State Annex 1  
Department of State  
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Dear Dr. Sampson:

As you know, I have arranged for the historians working on the Vietnam War volumes of the Foreign Relations of the United States series to screen the documents they order from federal depositories after we receive them here. Dr. Landa visited our offices in December and screened documents that had been selected at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, to identify the specific documents he would like CIA to review and release for this project.

After review, the originating components here have given me a decision on these documents that Dr. Landa screened. Of the 28 documents that were selected for review, I can forward 17 documents for release. Since two of the documents requested were not CIA-originated material, we returned them to OSD for their review. The originating components have denied the remaining 9 documents.

I shall enclose copies of the OSD manifests that include these documents. You will note on these enclosed manifests that we have numbered each document received from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Dr. Landa used these numbers (indicated below in the "HS/OSD Document #" column) in screening these documents, and for his information the results of our review are summarized below:

<u>Requester</u>	<u>Rel./Denied</u>	<u>HS/OSD Document #</u>
Landa	released	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 34
	denied	1, 12, 13, 22, 24, 27, 28, 31, 33
	returned	9,10

We understand that we need not arrange for review of any other documents in this group, unless Dr. Landa (or some other historian working on this project) selects specific additional documents for review.

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As usual, the caveats noted in the enclosed "CIA Records Access Policy" apply concerning CIA review before any material from CIA-originated documents can be downgraded, declassified or published in any unclassified publication.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. H. D. Neeley, OSD Records Administrator, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

Enclosures

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